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Hijacking of Pam Am Plane

"The Libyan Revolutionary Cells" were responsible for hijacking the U.S. airliner at Karachi Airport and their "revolutionary fighters" will "pass the death sentence" on U.S. "intelligence officials" on board the plane, a caller told a news agency in Cyprus in a statement reported by AFP. There are some 44 Americans among the passengers on the aircraft, which was seized by four gunmen early 5 September, according to AFP. The hijackers had stormed aboard dressed in security guards' uniforms, killing an Indian crew member and injuring two baggage handlers, Delhi radio disclosed.

The director general of Pakistan's Civil Aviation Department announced in remarks reported by Karachi radio that he has established contact with the hijackers, who said they are Arab nationals and demanded to be flown to Larnaca. The hijackers stated that the aim of their action is to secure the release of their friends in Cyprus. The Pakistani official also revealed that a commando force has been deployed at the airport. Nicosia radio subsequently cited his disclosure that the hijackers have promised to release the 400 passengers if the aircraft's pilots return to the plane to fly it to Cyprus, but that they have threatened to execute passengers if their demands are not met. An official spokesman in Nicosia stressed the Cyprus Government's determination not to allow the aircraft to land at Larnaca Airport, the radio added.

Iran will not allow the plane to overfly its airspace or land at any Iranian airport, the Iranian Foreign Ministry announced in a statement reported by IRNA.

Al-Qadhdhafi's Speech at Nonaligned Movement (NAM) Summit

Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi told the conference in Harare that unless the NAM gets rid of "spies and traitors" in its ranks, he will say goodbye to "this laughable movement" and withdraw all "progressive" and "liberation" forces from it in order to establish a new anti-imperialist international front. In his remarks, reported by JANA, the Libyan leader reaffirmed his view that there is no place for a nonaligned movement in a world divided exclusively into "liberation" and "imperialist" camps, and he said the NAM is an "international comedy" which is "dying" and should be "dismantled." Al-Qadhdhafi said he will propose to the Libyan People's Congresses that Libya withdraws from the movement and noted that Libya will be unable to host the forthcoming NAM ministerial conference. He singled out the regimes of Zaire, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, and Egypt as "puppets" of imperialism, expressing distaste at their presence at the conference as "it is not appropriate for a revolutionary like myself to sit with those traitors and spies who recognize Israel." Stressing the NAM's ineffectiveness in assisting Libya against the United States, he said there is a need for a collective "liberation front" to face and fight imperialism through a collective defense system. Al-Qadhdhafi declared his readiness to leave Libya in order to establish an army of "tens of thousands" to confront the United States throughout the world, and he also challenged Jordan and Egypt to allow him to use their bases to attack the Israeli nuclear reactor at Dimona.

Iranian President 'Ali Khamene'i praised Al-Qadhdhafi's "courageous" speech and expressed agreement with his denunciation of certain NAM members as "foreign spies," according to IRNA and Tehran radio. On the other hand, Egyptian delegation leader Butrus Ghali viewed the Libyan leader's remarks as "an illustration of political adolescence," MENA reported.

Al-Qadhdhafi also met with the Cuban and Nicaraguan leaders in Harare 4 September, Tripoli radio noted, adding that their talks focused on coordination in defending the Libyan, Cuban, and Nicaraguan peoples. A Palestinian source cited by Radio Monte Carlo stated that Al-Qadhdhafi met with PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat, though the radio noted that this was not confirmed by Libyan sources.

Iran-Iraq War

Voice of the Masses radio broadcast an announcement that Iraqi soldiers and naval units repulsed an Iranian attempt to recapture the Al-'Amiq oil platform in the northern Gulf early 5 September.

Lebanon

An IDF soldier was killed in action against "terrorist" groups in the western sector of southern Lebanon the night of 4-5 September, the IDF spokesman announced in a statement reported by IDF radio. The operation was in response to a katyusha attack on northern Israel, the report stated, and four local residents were brought back to Israel for interrogation.

In Paris, the French Foreign Ministry disclosed that France will call an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council following the killing of three French UNIFIL soldiers, AFP reported.

Israel

In remarks broadcast by Jerusalem radio, Prime Minister Shim'on Peres dismissed reports that his summit meeting with the Egyptian president is in doubt and expressed hope that last minute "difficulties" over the Tabah arbitral compromis will be overcome.

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Najibullah Addresses Military Graduation Ceremony

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1600 GMT 2 Sep 86

[Speech by Najibullah, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee at a ceremony to present diplomas to graduates of military educational institutions; date and palce not specified — recorded]

[Excerpts] Dear friends and young co-fighter brethren. Today is a great day in your life [words indistinct] and in the life of our heroic party. A big new group of officers trained in the most modern manner are joining military collectives to discharge the historic duty of safeguarding the homeland. All members of the Politburo express their heartfelt congratulations to you, dear officers. [applause] [passage omitted]

We all know the lesson of history that counterrevolutionaries and other enemies are in every revolution. Who are our enemies? Our main enemy is imperialism, headed by the United States. Why are the imperialist forces being organized against our people? Because they are afraid that the example of a revolutionary Afghanistan will awaken other people. Reagan himself, after the passing of each year, allocates ever larger sums of dollars for armed intervention. Our widows and orphans know that car, calamity and tears stem from Reagan and his followers.

Yesterday we viewed weapons and ammunition that our troops have taken as booty. These weapons and ammunition were sent to our land by Reagan via our ancestors' caravan routes. Near this exhibition is a children's hospital where 3-and 4-year-old handicapped children are in beds: The orphans of the war waged against our country by imperialism. It is our duty to organize all our energy in the struggle against foreign reaction.

We have another enemy too, that is, the reaction of the region — Iran and Pakistan — who, by fate are our neighbors. For what reasons should our new life become unpleasant to the rulers of Iran and Pakistan? What bad deed have we done? None. Then why do they allow their lands to become military camps, where the killers and murderers of Afghans are trained? Whey have they transformed the friendship routes to routes of death? Why do they shamefully creep to our home and yard via our sanctity, that is to say, our borders? Because they are afraid the people of Pakistan and Iran will follow our revolutionary and just path, and dismiss the rich, the generals, the oppressors and those who are collecting wealth at the price of blood and sweat of the toiling people.

We say to our neighbors: We have a common history and culture. We have the one sacred religion, Islam. We have common rivers, mountains, deserts, sky and moon; let me come to live in a peaceful atmosphere under this common sky and make friendship. Why do the people have to suffer from war and hunger. Let us meet and think deeply. The peace routes should not be like war routes. Let us go along the peace routes to welcome each other.

We have another enemy, too — the counterrevolutionary. To be precise, rebel groups, thieves and plunderers, who are not yet completely eliminated They do not directly fight with us but thievishly act from behind a wall. Why have they raised their hand against their brothers, fathers, mothers and sisters? What has made them blind? Why can't they see how much we want national reconciliation, how much as ask for peace and security? What are they hoping for? On what do they count? The chieftains of these groups and bands have no other future except hatred. Why do they not come back to their homes, books and their beloved profession? Why are they not thinking about their future? Because they sold themselves for money. They have black hearts and hands, soiled with blood. They have a life of wandering.

We say it time and again and we are addressing them: become conscious and pause, stop the war of fratricide. The spies and escapees, irrespective of their wish and demand, are our enemies. With treachery they stick a sword in the back of of their homeland. Our debt, comrades, in this respect is only this: that we should fight with sacrifice against all of these enemies. We should fight with blood and soul. We must struggle and become victorious.

You should learn early on the science of revolutionary victory. The bullet you fire must eliminate the enemy of the homeland. Your bullet must directly hit the heart of the enemy. The rockets you fire must clear our sacred soil of the filth of the enemy.

Courageous sons os the homeland. In the struggle against the enemy we are not alone. Our revolution has genuine friends. Our friends are the soviet Union, the Soviet people and the Soviet soldiers. [applause] [passage omitted]

Nothing can ever disturb our fighting brotherhood of spirit and blood. [applause] The Soviet regimes will soon return home. They will depart as the closest and dearest human beings, and we will express to them unlimited gratitude. [passage omitted]

Dear friends. Never have we been as strong and powerful as today. We are bound to confront aggression and send away the satans from our sacred land. We will firmly close our Western, Southern and Eastern borders against our enemies. [passage omitted]

Politburo Assesses Constitution Committee Report

LD050634 Kabul BAKHTAR in English
0445 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] Kabul, Sept 4, BAKHTAR — The periodical session of the Politburo of the PDPA CC was held here today. The Politburo session assessed the report presented by Abdorrahim Hatef, chairman of the working committee on the drafting of Constitution of the DRA.

The Politburo pointed out that the new Constitution, as a national and historical document, constitutes a firm pillar for the new political system. This is also considered as a big step for the ever-further expansion of the democratic legality and the consolidation of revolutionary and democratic gains of the April revolution.

The Constitution of the DRA constitutes the firm legal and political foundation for the equality of rights and the unshakeable alliance of all tribes and nationalities. The new constitution will define the rights and duties of all the citizens for ensuring peace and nation-wide understanding for the cause of constructing a new society. The Constitution of the DRA is an authentic national document for defending and safeguarding the national independence, territorial integrity and national sovereignty of the DRA.

The Politburo session also gave instructions on how to upgrade the production work in Jauzjan Province as well as took decisions on the better management of political training in the new academic year. The Politburo session also studied and discussed some other domestic and foreign policy.

BAKHTAR Reports 340 Rebels Routed; Weapons Seized
LD050626 Kabul BAKHTAR in English
0421 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] Kabul, September 4, BAKHTAR — Over 340 rpt 340 counterrevolutionaries were routed and 60 rpt 60 arrested as a result of successful operations carried out by the Armed Forces of the DRA in Herat, Paktia, and Takhar Provinces. During these operations about one hundred ammunitions and foodstuff depots of the bandits were razed to the ground. A large amount of assorted weapons were seized from these sold-out mercenaries.

DRA Youth Reported Joining Armed Forces, Militias
LD041551 Kabul BAKHTAR in English
0415 GMT 3 Sep 86

[Text] Kabul, September 3, BAKHTAR: The youths of Afghanistan [are] joining eagerly the ranks of the Armed Forces of the DRA to rebuff the undeclared war waged by US imperialism against their homeland. Shielding the borders and strengthening of the Armed Forces of the DRA against the aggressions by bandits who are being trained and equipped with sophisticated weapons in the territory of Pakistan (?and Iran) is considered as a national obligation of the people of Afghanistan. Therefore, the youths are joining the Armed Forces, border militia and defender groups of revolution in increasing numbers day by day.

In response to the decree of the Presidium of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA on the strengthening of the Armed Forces over 3000 youths have voluntarily joined the Armed Forces in Kabul and other provinces of the DRA during last month. More than 12000 youths have registered their names with the city and provincial commissariats of Kabul Province during the last three months.

The youths, by voluntarily joining the Armed Forces of the DRA, fulfil their mission for maintaining peace and stopping of bloodshed in the country. Moreover, a number of youths of Konar Province, bordering Pakistan, registered their names in the border militia units. Right now 1400 workers, peasants and handicraftsmen organized in the border militia of that province. Similarly about 140 youths have joined the defender groups of revolution in Sar-e-Pol District of Jowzjan Province.

Pan American Airliner Hijacked at Karachi Airport

Initial AFP Report

BK050336 Hong Kong AFP in English
0335 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] Islamabad, Sept 5 (AFP) — Four or five aerial pirates disguised as airport security men boarded a jumbo jet of the U.S. Pan American Airways at Karachi Airport early Friday [5 Sep], correspondents reported in that Pakistani city.

They said the pilot escaped from the craft when it was seized at 5:55 a.m. (0055 GMT). All the plane's passengers were aboard waiting to take off for New York via Frankfurt, Germany, when the craft was seized. Security forces surrounded the airport following the plane's seizure and barred the public. Two baggage handlers of the Pakistani airline PIA were wounded when the pirates boarded the plane, airport officials said. The pilot escaped through a window of the pilot's cabin, they said.

In New Delhi, a Pan Am official said three people had commandeered the jet and wanted to go to Cyprus. The plane had arrived in Karachi from Bombay.

The jet had 384 passengers aboard when it left Bombay, a Pan Am official there said.)

One Fatality Reported

BK050729 Hong Kong AFP in English
0728 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] Karachi, Pakistan, Sept 5 (AFP) — A crew member shot when four gunmen hijacked a Pan Am jumbo jet here Friday died later in hospital, hospital sources said. Three other people were wounded, including two Pakistani baggage handlers and another person on the aircraft, when the gunmen opened fire indiscriminately, airport sources said.

Said Seized by 'Arab Nationals'

BK050836 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu
0800 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] Four armed persons hijacked a Pan American Airlines plane at Karachi when it arrived this morning from New Delhi on its way to Frankfurt. This incident took plane when the passengers were boarding the plane. Director general of the Civil Aviation Department, Air Marshal Khurshid Mirza, told newsmen at Karachi Airport that he has established contact with the hijackers. Their leader said his name is Mustafa and that they are Arab nationals. They demanded that the cockpit crew and the aircraft allowed to go to Larnaca, Cyprus where they say some of their friends are detained and they want them released. The hijackers have made it clear that they are not interested in Pakistan and their sole aim of hijacking the plane is to release their friends in Larnaca in Cyprus. The director general of the Civil Aviation Department said that they have asked Pan American to accept this demand provided all the passengers are released without any harm. Pan American officials have established contacts with their headquarters in this connection.

The director general of Civil Aviation Department has said that there are about 400 passengers on board the plane. Of them 300 boarded the plane at New Delhi Airport and about 100 passengers boarded the plane at Karachi. He said the cockpit crew jumped out of the plane when the plane was being hijacked. The cabin crew is present in the plane.

The director general of Civil Aviation Department said when the local manager of the airline tried to contact the hijackers through megaphone, a passenger was shot and thrown out of the plane. The passenger whose nationality could not be identified was taken to the hospital immediately where his condition is serious. The director general of Civil Aviation Department said the situation is under control. A commando force has been deployed at the airport which is directly supervised by the Sind governor, retired Lieutenant General Jahandad Khan and he has been establishing continuous contact with the prime minister and foreign office in Islamabad. He said our basic objective is to protect the passengers which include men, women and children.

In reply to a question how the armed persons succeeded in getting onto the plane, the director general of the Civil Aviation Department has said the matter is being investigated. The hijackers had hand grenades and guns and they also fired in the plane.

Delhi Reports

BK050908 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0830 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Excerpt] An American jumbo jet with about 390 people on board has been seized by 4 gunmen at Karachi Airport. The gunmen dressed in the security guards uniforms drove up to the plane belonging to Pan Am after arrived from Bombay early this morning. They opened fire with light machine guns and sten guns before storming the aircraft.

An Indian crew member, Mr Kumar, who was injured in the firing later died in hospital. Two baggage loaders working on the tarmac were injured. The flight crew fled to the terminal building as soon as they heard the shots. Passengers, including 193 Indians as well as 13 flight attendants — all of them Indians — are being held by the hijackers.

The Pakistani authorities have opened negotiations with the gunmen whose identity is still not known. Unconfirmed reports say that they are demanding the return of the crew so that they can be flown to Cyprus. Hundreds of security personnel have sealed off the area and a red alert has been sounded. All flights have been diverted to other airports.

According to eyewithnesses, the hijack began as the last busload of passengers approached the Boeing 747 at Karachi, 15 minutes before it was due to take off for Frankfurt on its way to New York. About 130 passengers were to board at the airport with only 100 had boarded when the shooting began. The remaining ran back to the airport building. [passage omitted]

Libyan Group Claims Hijack

BK050855 Hong Kong AFP in English
0845 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] Nicosia, Sept 5 (AFP) — A caller purporting to be a member of a group called the Libyan Revolutionary Cells claimed responsibility for the hijacking Friday of a Pan American Boeing 747 at Karachi and threatened to kill a number of unidentified American passengers on board. In a telephone call to a Western news agency here, the man, who was speaking in Arabic, said: "The Libyan Revolutionary Cells announce that they are responsible for the hijacking of the American airliner at Karachi Airport, because there are officials from the U.S. intelligence officials [as received] on board, on whom our revolutionary fighters will pass the death sentence."

'Soldiers of God' Claim Hijack

NC051317 Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic
1302 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] A group calling itself the Organization of the Soldiers of God — the Martyr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto group [Munazzamat Jundullah — Majmu'at al-Shahid Zulfikar Ali Bhutto] has claimed responsibility for hijacking the American plane in Karachi. This follows a similar claim made by the Libyan Revolutionary Cells in a telephone call to Western news agency in Nicosia. In a printed statement in Arabic sent to the newspaper *Al-Nahar*, the Organization of the Soldiers of God said that its commandos attacked the plane, which is carrying U.S. Army officers, CIA officials, and Israeli Mosad officers who plot against the people struggling for the sake of Islam.

Seek To 'Spare Moslem People'

NC051320 Paris AFP in English
1317 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] Beirut, Sept 5 (AFP) — The previously unknown group said in its communique, marked as number 1 and dated only September 1986, that their actions were not aimed at the American people, but rather at "the American instruments of oppression used by the great satan." They said they aimed "especially the Reagan administration, which has consecrated 'state terrorism'." The group said they wanted to "spare the Moslem people of Pakistan," adding that Pakistanis "suffer the repression of the Ziaul Haq government, (which is) linked to the world's forces of oppression." Gen Ziaul, the communique said, "participated in (anti-Palestinian) massacres in Jordan in 1970."

Release of Women, Children Offered

NC050913 (Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in Arabic
0845 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Excerpts] [Passage omitted] According to the latest reports from Karachi, the hijackers of the Pan American aircraft have offered to release the women and children among the passengers provided that the Pakistani authorities supply an Arab pilot to take them to Cyprus.

Sources at the Karachi Airport control tower said that contacts have been established between the hijackers and the director of Pan American. The sources believe that the hijackers are probably Arabs, pointing out that they demanded the release of comrades imprisoned in Cyprus. Official sources in Cyprus have noted that the government at Nicosia is determined not to permit the hijacked U.S. aircraft to land on its territory. The police have adpted stringent security measures at Larnaca Airport.

AFP Says Victim U.S. Citizen

BK050915 Hong Kong AFP in English
0847 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] Karachi, Sept 5 (AFP) — A man killed when Arab gunmen hijacked a Pan Am jumbo jet here on Friday was a U.S. citizen, of Indian origin, Pakistani authorities said, quoting the hijackers. It was first thought the dead man was an Indian cabin crew member.

Passenger List Reported

LD051036 Kuwait KUNA in English
0925 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] Rome, Sept 5 (KUNA) — Sixteen Italian nationals are among the passengers of the Pan Am airliner now seized by unidentified hijackers at Pakistan's Karachi airport, Radio Rome reported. Of the 400 passengers on board the hijacked plane, 195 are Indians, 16 Italians, 44 Americans, 15 Britons, (?12 West) Germans, 84 Pakistanis, others from unidentified nationalities in addition to the 16-member crew of the jumbo jet, on a regular flight from Bombay to New York Via Frankfurt. The broadcast cast that several West European airports had been put on a state of alert in preparation for any contingencies over the next few hours.

Executions Threatened

NC051055 Nicosia Domestic Service in Greek
1030 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Excerpt] The director of the Pakistani Civil Aviation Authority has confirmed that the hijackers controlling a Pan American aircraft at Karachi have demanded that it be allowed to depart for Cyprus. He said that the hijackers promised to release the 400 passengers if the aircraft's pilots, who managed to escape as soon as the hijacking began, return to the aircraft in order to fly it to Cyprus. The Pakistani official quoted the hijackers as saying that they seek to liberate their Arab friends who are held in Cypriot prisons and that they have nothing against Pakistan. He added that the Pakistani authorities have provisionally accepted the hijackers' demand, but are waiting for Pan American consent.

The hijackers have threatened that they will start to execute the passengers if their demands are not met by 1700. The hijackers also warned airport authorities not to send any vehicles near the aircraft. [passage omitted]

Warning: 1 Death Every 10 Minutes

AU051229 Paris AFP in English
1223 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Excerpts] Harare, Sept 4 (AFP) — Gunmen holding a Pan Am jumbo jet with 399 passengers aboard at Karachi Airport have threatened to kill one passenger every ten minutes if they were not provided with a crew to fly to Cyprus by 7:00 p.m. Karachi time (1400 GMT), diplomatic sources at the non-aligned summit here said Friday.

The sources also said that the U.S. Government had offered to send a "communications team" to Karachi to help the Pakistanis, but it was not known if Islamabad had accepted. The hijacking was discussed by Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Pakistani President Ziaul Haq who are attending the non-aligned summit here, an Indian spokesman said. The spokesman said General Zia had promised to do everything possible to secure the release of the passengers, who includes 195 Indians. "We are grateful to him for that", the spokesman added.

A press statement issued by the Indian delegation here said the New Delhi government "unequivocally condemned" the hijacking of the plane, and was confident that the Government of Pakistani would do everything in its power to ensure the safety and release of the passengers.

India hoped that the hijackers themselves would cooperate in the process, the statement added. "Our sincere sympathies go to the passengers and their families who are innocent sufferers from this incident", it said. [passage omitted]

One of the gunmen spoke Urdu, the official language of Pakistan, but all were believed to be Arabs, the diplomatic sources said. [passage omitted]

Pakistan Reportedly Agrees To Deal

NC051353 (Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in Arabic 1345 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] An urgent news agency dispatch from Karachi reports that the Pakistani Government has agreed to reach a deal with the hijackers of the Pan American passenger plane. According to the deal, the hostages will be released and in return the plane will be allowed to leave for Larnaca, Cyprus, carrying a new crew.

Death Threats Refuted

NC051415Nicosia Domestic Service in Greek
1400 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Excerpt] A short time ago a Pakistani official refuted earlier reports that the hijackers had set a deadline for their demands and that they had threatened to execute the hostages one by one if their demands were not met. [passage omitted]

Release of PLO Sympathizers Sought

OW051423 Tokyo KYODO in English
1416 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] Islamabad, Sept. 5 Kyodo — The four Arab hijackers of a Pan Am airliner at Karachi Airport are demanding the release of three Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) sympathizers imprisoned in Larnaca, Cyprus, civil aviation authorities negotiating with the hijackers said Friday. The three prisoners whose release has been demanded by the Arab hijackers include Ian Davison, a British national and PLO sympathizer, Abdul al-Khatib, a Syrian, and Abdul Hakim Saad, a Jordanian national.

The four hijackers have demanded a cockpit crew to fly them to Larnaca, Cyprus, and that their imprisoned colleagues be freed to join them there. Civil aviation chief Khurshid Mirza, who has been in constant touch with the four hijackers through an Arabic-speaking assistant, told newsmen that the leader of the hijackers, named Mustafa, has expressed his regret about the shooting of the passenger Kumar, an American national of Indian origin, and his hope that he was not seriously injured.

Mustafa also told the control tower that other passengers were being looked after properly and would not be hurt unless "commando action was taken" against them. We have told them that no such action was being contemplated, Mirza said.

Kumar, who was shot and thrown on the tarmac by the hijackers after they seized the plane, succumbed of bullet wounds, in the head. He was the son of the Rajesh Nagandas and was reported to be carrying two passports for females with him, but the owners' identities were not known.

Civil aviation chief Mirza said that the Pakistan Government had advised Pan Am airlines to agree to the demand of the hijackers to provide them with a cockpit crew, provided all the passengers are released without harm. The Pan Am office in Karachi was in touch with the company's head office in this regard. [passage omitted] An official said the hijackers were armed with Soviet-built Kalashnikov sub-machine guns and hand grenades. [passage omitted]

Negotiations Continue

BK051526 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
1500 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Excerpts] Negotiations are continuing with the leader of hijackers of the Pan American aircraft in Karachi for the release of about 400 passengers. The director general of Civil Aviation Administration, Air Marshal Khurshid Anwar Mirza, told newsmen this evening that the hijackers are demanding a new crew from the United States to fly them to Larnaca, Cyprus, where they can get their friends who are being released detained there.

He said Pakistani officials have told the hijackers that the new crew will have to be called from the United States and it will take time. When asked whether the hijackers have given any final deadline for meeting their demands, the civil aviation chief said they want this to be done by tonight. The hijackers have promised that they will release many passengers, including all women and

children. But we have made it clear to the hijackers that we will have to settle a number of issues in this regard. The crew has to be flown in from a far off place like the United States and they should realize our limitations. Besides, the continuous consumption of fuel to keep the air conditioning on the plane working will reduce the quantity of the fuel in the aircraft.

The civil aviation director general emphasized that the Government of Pakistan is fully aware of its responsibility and will do its best to ensure the protection and security of the passengers. He said the Sind governor, Lieutenant General Jahandad Khan (retired), who is directly supervising the efforts being made in this regard, is in continuous touch with the prime minister, the foreign officie, and the American Embassy. The most important task is to get the passengers released. We have been successful in establishing contacts with the hijackers who have promised not to harm the passengers in any way.

The civil aviation chief said he is also in touch with Cypriot officials who have said that they will not allow the plane to land in Cyprus. [passage omitted]

A passenger was shot and thrown out of the plane when the local manager of the Pan American airlines was trying to establish contact with the hijackers through a megaphone. The passenger was immediately rushed to the hospital where his condition is serious. His name is Kumar and is a U.S. citizen of Indian origin.

The civil aviation officials told Radio Pakistan's correspondent that there are enough foodstuffs and water on the aircraft. Operations at Karachi Airport are continuing normally. The timely arrival and departure of flights are also continuing. [passage omitted]

Junejo Leaves on Weeklong Visit to Sind Areas

BK040418 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
0200 GMT 4 Sep 86

[Text] Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo left Rawalpindi by train last night on a weeklong visit to the interior areas of Sind. He was accompanied by Federal Minister of Law and Parliamentary affairs Iqbal Ahmad Khan and several members of the National Assembly. The Federal Railway Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani, will join the prime minister later in Multan. Sind Governor retired Lieutenant General Jahandad Khan and chief Minister Syed Ghaus Ali Shah will accompany the prime minister on the tour.

Speaking to newsmen before his departure, the prime minister said he will take the opportunity to review the situation there and will meet the people's representatives and the dignitaries from the areas concerned for talks on the problems confronting the people. He said his visit will cover several areas, including Sukkur, Larkana, Dadu, and Nawabshah. Asked whether he would also visit other provinces he replied in the affirmative.

The prime minister was seen off at the railway station by Minister of State for Railways Nisar Mohammad Khan, Minister of State for Industries Haji Yunus Elahi Sethi, National Assembly members, and senior officials.

PRC Vice President Seeks Improved Cooperation

BK040633 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
0200 GMT 4 Sep 86

[Text] The Chinese vice president, Ulanhu, has said that the time to promote relations between the people of the two countries has come to boost our friendship, which has stood the test of time. He was speaking to the 3-member delegation of the *Associated Press of Pakistan* in Beijing yesterday. He stressed the need for identifying new areas to increase cooperation in various sectors. The Chinese leader said the friendship between the two countries is very old and can help create stability in the regionn. He asked the delegation to convey his best wishes to President Mohammad Ziaul Haq, Prime Miniser Mohammad Khan Junejo, and the people of Pakistan.

Police, Protestor Clashes Continue in Lahore

BK040306 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 4 Sep 86

[Text] In Pakistan, there were reports of more clashes between the police and antigovernment demonstrators in Lahore yesterday. More than 100 people were arrested after the police made baton charges against the supporters of the opposition Movement for the Restoration of Democracy who were holding a rally calling for the release opposition leaders.

Meanwhile, the Sind provincial high court has ordered the release of Mr (Fathia Ali Khan), leader of the Workers and Peasants Party.

SRI LANKA

Premadasa Urges Gandhi To Restain Mannar Violence

BK041337 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English
1131 GMT 4 Sep 86

[Text] Colombo, Sep 4 (*Lanka Puwath*) — Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa met the prime minister of India, Rajiv Gandhi, today to convey to him the irreparable damage caused to the Mannar causeway by the terrorists in Sri Lanka. This is a sequel to the meeting the two prime ministers had yesterday. Mr Premadasa urged the Indian prime minister that it is imperative that India should take serious note of the great destruction done to life and property by the terrorists and take urgent steps to expel them from Indian territory. He said that the terrorists are harming the very people whom they claim to liberate.

Mr Premadasa subsequently sent a special note to Mr Gandhi urging him to take follow-up action.Quoted below is the full text of Mr Premadasa's letter to the Indian prime minister;

"Harare; 4th September 1986

"My dear prime minister,

"I am writing to thank you for giving me an opportunity of apprising you of the tragic situation that has arisen in Sri Lanka during the last two weeks and in particular the escalation of violence by the separatist terrorists. I have already given you a note on the matters we discussed last evening, which contained the various acts of terrorist violence during the last fortnight.
"I have conveyed to his excellency Junius Jayewardene, our president, a resume of our discussions as well as your willingness to assist Sri Lanka in this hour of need. He is highly appreciative of your positive approach and the need to clamp down on the hard-core terrorists who are not only disrupting the peace process but also directing a major onslaught.
"His excellency the president is keen that I bring to your notice the tragic incident that took place in Mannar about the time we were meeting at the international conference centre. The Mannar causeway, which connects the mainland with the Mannar Island, has been blasted by the terrorists causing total disruption of communications and transport of essential consumer goods to the Tamil-speaking people living in Mannar Island. In the circumstances, I have no doubt that you would appreciate the need for urgent action to round up those who are responsible for bringing about such human misery and causing irreparable damage and disruption to life and property.
"It is pertinent to note that when the security forces, who are under heavy pressure try to maintain law and order, the Tamil terrorists label it as genocide [sentence as received]. The Mannar incident, which has caused untold suffering to innocent Tamil people, is a clear indication that the objective of the terrorists is not to win ethnic or human rights but to destabilise the legally constituted and democratically elected government of Sri Lanka.
"You have yourself denounced cross-border terrorism. We not only admire your clear stand on this but also support you wholeheartedly in so far as it affects your country.
"Therefore, I am confident that you would make every endeavour to assist Sri Lanka not only in hastening the peace process but also by issuing an ultimatum to the terrorists to stop violence, observe a cease-fire and accept the present package of proposals.
"The longer we delay action the damage and destruction to life and property will be greater. In particular may I urge that you consider extending your assistance by controlling the supply of weapons, closing down the terrorist camps and intensifying coastguard to prevent the smuggling of (?mortars) and explosives.
"I need not over-emphasise the fact that any further delay in the prevention of cross-border terrorism would result in a breakdown in the peace process and arriving at a peaceful settlement.
"I have no doubt that you will appreciate the gravity of the situation and make every endeavour to arrest the situation to the best of your ability.
"With warm personal regards,
"Yours sincerely,
"Ranasinghe Premadasa, prime minister."

Tamil Militant Group Forms New Political Wing

BK050337 Colombo SUN in English
27 Aug 86 p 1

[Text] The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam [LTTE] have broken away from the Eelam umbrella group and formed a new political wing in the Jaffna peninsula, military intelligence experts said. The LTTE's political wing surfaced in Jaffna four weeks ago and military officials claim the Tigers led by Vellupillai Prabhakaran are trying to emerge as a major political group representing the Tamils of Sri Lanka.

The LTTE walk out, reportes say, was precipitated by differences between the DMK [Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam] which openly supports TELO [Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization] and the ruling AIADMK [All India Anna Drivida Munnetra Kazhagam] which backs the LTTE.

But officials here say the LTTE has for sometime shown tendencies of breaking away to follow a more political line despite continued military offensives against Sri Lanka's security forces. Problems which have arisen between the LTTE and the EPRLF [Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front] and other terrorist groups especially in the Trincomalee district in recent times have also been attributed to the break-up.

'Terrorists' Attack Batticaloa Police Station

BK041132 Colombo International Service in English
1045 GMT 4 Sep 86

[Text] A group of terrorists fired at the Batticaloa police station yesterday. The police returned the fire, and the terrorists fled. Bloodstains on the road indicate that there would have been a number of terrorist casualties. A security forces patrol was attacked by terrorists from the jungle around (Urutthiapuram).

In the face of the counterattack by security forces, the terrorists fled, leaving behind two dead terrorists. A number of hand grenades and explosives, a (?revolver) and LTTE literature were recovered. One police constable received minor injury.

Terrorists belonging to the LTTE fired at the Mannar police station, and as a result police constable Jayasinghe Tinecone was killed. However, the attack was repulsed.

7 Reported Killed in Attack on Naval Patrol Boat

BK041332 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English 1310 GMT 4 Sep 86

["OANA Pool" item]

[Excerpt] Colombo, Sep 4 (*Lanka Puwath*) — A foreigner described as a "white person" is believed to have been one of those drowned when a Sri Lankan Naval patrol returned fire at a large fibre-glass powerful motorised dinghy within the prohibited zone in the seas north of Madagal, in northern Sri Lanka at noon yesterday [3 Sep] government sources told *Lanka Puwath* today.

They said that there were six terrorists and [a] "white person" on board the fibre-glass dinghy which was fitted with three 85-horsepower outboard motors. The Navy patrol ordered the dinghy to stop but those inside it started firing at the Naval boat. The Navy fired back at the dinghy which sank with all the passengers on board including the "white person". They are all believed to have been drowned. [passage omitted]

'Arms Dealer' Identified

BK050901 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English 0813 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] Colombo, Sep 5 (*Lanka Puwath*) — The foreigner described as a "white person" who was drowned with six separatist terrorists, within the prohibited zone in the seas north of Madagal in northern Sri Lanka last Wednesday [3 Sep] when a Naval patrol returned fire destroying the fibre-glass dinghy in which they were, has been identified as an arms dealer and an international drug trafficker. Government sources told *Lanka Puwath* that according to some documents found from the sea bed he was a Norwegian passport holder. Among the other items recovered by the Navy from the sea bed were a nuber of boxes containing heroin and cocaine and modern weapons.

Two Bombs 'Flung' at Colombo Opposition Rally

BK051015 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English 0949 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Excerpt] Colombo, Sep 5 (*Lanka Puwath*) — Police said today that the two bombs flung last night at the political propaganda meeting of the Sri Lanka Mahajana Party (SLMP) in a Colombo suburb, was a cylinder containing metal bicycle ball bearings and ignited by a cigarette lighter attached to a cloth wick which ignited an explosive. They said 30 in the crowd of about 4,000 people attending the meeting at Mt. Lavinia, were injured.

The bombs had been flung upward after the cloth fuse was lit by the thrower. The two explosives had then descended on the crowd of men, women and children. No arrests have been made as yet. [passage omitted]

AFP: One Soviet Freighter Released, Second Held

NC041210 Paris AFP in English
1125 GMT 4 Sep 86

[Excerpts] Manama, Sept 4 (AFP) — One of two Soviet freighters seized by Iran in the gulf in the past two days has been released, Kuwaiti port authorities said Thursday. The Kuwaitis were unable to name the ship, but thought it could be the Tutov, which was boarded by the Iranian Navy on Wednesday morning. [passage omitted]

In London, Lloyds Insurance Company's daily newspaper, *Lloyds List*, said Thursday that Iran had stepped up its stop-and-search policy in the last few days, adding that 10 ships had been stopped in the last 24 hours.

Overflight, Landing Permission Denied Hijacked Airliner

LD050843 Tehran IRNA in English
0835 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 5, IRNA — Following the early Friday takeover of a Pan American airliner at Karachi Airport, Iran's Foreign Ministry announced that Iran would not allow the plane to fly over its airspace or land in any Iranian airport. [passage omitted]

Nonaligned Urged To Condemn Iraqi Chemical Warfare

LD050916 Tehran IRNA in English
0808 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 5, IRNA — Following renewed Iraqi use of chemical weapons against Iranian forces in Hajj 'Umran region Thursday [5 Sep] which claimed one life and wounded seven others, the War Information Headquarters (WIH) on Friday called on international organizations and the ongoing nonaligned summit in Harare in particular to "break their silence and condemn the Iraqi regime" for its use of banned toxic gases.

WIH said in a statement that the renewed Iraqi use of chemical weapons is an evidence that international organizations have so far proved incapable of preventing the Baghdad regime from committing these inhuman crimes. The statement also criticized the NAM summit for failing to condemn the Baghdad government for its use of toxic gases.

Bulgarian Foreign Trade Minister Arrives in Tehran

LD050706 Tehran IRNA in English
1358 GMT 4 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 4, IRNA — Bulgaria's Minister of Foreign Trade Khristo Khristov arrived here Thursday at the head of a delegation and was met at the airport by Agriculture Minister 'Abbas-'Ali Zali.

In an interview upon his arrival, the Bulgarian minister expressed hope that Tehran-Sofia cooperation in the fields of electronic industries and machine manufacturing would expand in the future.

Agriculture Minister Zali told IRNA that the Bulgarian minister was here to visit the 12th Tehran International Trade Fair. The two sides will also discuss a bilateral protocol signed during the visit of an Iranian delegation to Sofia about three months ago, he added.

The volume of trade exchanges between the two countries stood at dlrs 300 million in 1985, Zali said. He added that in talks with the Bulgarian officials it will be tried to increase the amount or keep it unchanged.

Aqazadeh Discusses Oil Imports With Turkish Minister

PM041510 Tehran KEYHAN in Persian 10 Aug 86 p2

[Text] Mustafa Tinaz Titiz, Turkey's minister of state in charge of executive affairs, in Tehran at the head of a high-level trade and industrial delegation, yesterday afternoon met with Iran's oil minister, Mr Aqazadeh.

Acording to the Oil Ministry's public relations office, several deputy ministers and directors of the oil ministry also took part in this meeting. They discussed bilateral issues and plans related to the oil industry.

During this meeting the two sides expressed satisfaction over the progress in the studies dealing with the establishment of an oil pipeline between the two countries. They expressed their desire for a final decision to be reached on the matter by officials of the two countries.

The two sides also agreed to have experts' findings presented on the establishment of a gas pipeline. To exploit the matter more seriously, it was decided that a team of experts begin their investigations into this matter soon. According to this report, if the gas pipeline is feasible, Iran's gas will be exported for use in European markets.

Trade Deal, Pipeline Discussed

PM051138 Tehran KEYHAN in Persian
14 Aug 86 pp 1, 19

[Interview with Turkish Minister of State Mustafa Tinaz Titiz by unidentified *Keyhan* correspondent on 13 August in Tehran]

[Text] Mustafa Tinaz Titiz, Turkey's minister of state for executive affairs, took part in an exclusive interview with the *Keyhan* economic correspondent before his departure from Tehran yesterday afternoon. He gave his views on the results of the visit by a high-level Turkish economic delegation to Tehran, the volume of trade between the two countries, the reason for the delay in the construction of an Iranian oil pipeline through Turkey, the 99-percent cut in Iranian oil exports to Turkey, a rise in Iran's export of nonpetroleum products and the participation of both nations in joint technical-industrial ventures in other countries.

[Correspondent] How do you evaluate the trip to Iran by the high-level economic delegation from Turkey? What have you achieved during your stay in Tehran?

[Titiz] Before the sharp fall in the price of oil, the total volume of trade between Iran and Turkey was about $3 billion, half of which was in exports and the other half in imports. Following the drop in oil prices, the volume of trade between the two countries also dropped sharply. The economic delegations from the two countries met in Ankara to solve the problems.

The Iranian brothers said Turkey had to buy Iranian nonpetroleum products. In this connection, during the Ankara meeting the two sides presented a list of products that would be traded. Then we came to the Islamic Republic of Iran to review the already-signed protocol.

With me came a large delegation of Turkish merchants and during this time they had many contacts and lengthy discussions with their Iranian counterparts and it was decided that they should buy a considerable amount of goods and services from Iran.

I hope that in time, both sides will be able to expand their trade relations. This is something that will be placed at the top of our work schedule.

The second topic on our agenda deals with the construction of the gas and oil pipeline.

According to information exchanged between the two sides, it seems it is not possible to establish an oil pipeline between Iran and Turkey. This conclusion is based upon information and preliminary reports. Both sides have now decided to review the information about the oil pipeline and a group of experts from both countries is going to determine whether or not the project is feasible. Of course, I feel that as far as Iran is concerned, this plan is not only valuable economically, but also has strategic value.

Regarding the gas pipeline, we have decided to do some market research which will take at least 6 months.

Another issue placed on the agenda was the issue of customs' tariffs within the framework of (eco) [expansion unknown].

These are the things that were discussed by Turkish delegation and Iranian officials. It is appropriate here to thank the Iranian officials who have contributed positive ideas.

[Correspondent] How do you view future economic relations between the two countries?
[Titiz] I expect a new era to begin in the relations between the two countries. So far 99 percent of the trade between Iran and Turkey consisted of oil products, but now this percentage will be lowered. This means that Turkey will increase its purchase of nonpetroleum Iranian products. But an issue that may come up is similarity between the goods produced in our two countries.

Of course I see a very bright future for mutual cooperation between Iran and Turkey. Bilateral trade is limited, but one thing we can do in this regard is engage in joint ventures in other countries and this is something that has to expand.

In any case, the volume of trade between the two countries will increase. Of course, war is the main cause in the drop in trade volume. I hope that this war will end in the near future so we can increase our trade.

[Correspondent] If oil is dropped from Iran's export-related economy, how much do you think Iran and Turkey's nonpetroleum trade will increase?
[Titiz] If we remove oil from the volume of trade, the trade between the two countries at present would be about $1.6 billion and this includes some commitments which have not been completed yet.

So you see one cannot cut oil out of the volume of trade suddenly. This is not a simple matter and needs time until we can slowly increase this level.

As an official of the Turkish Government, my aim is to remove the obstacles in the way of trade between the two countries. In Turkey we try very hard to cut down on the bureaucracy and the formality that get in the way of trade and we are becoming more successful at this every day.

If the two sides manage to remove these obstacles from the path of their trade relations, I am certain that the volume of bilateral trade will increase. If we place any type of regulation in the way of trade, it will cause a massive drop in the level of commerce.

Security Checkpoints Scheduled for Tehran

PM041512 Tehran KEYHAN in Persian
31 Jul 86 p 3

[Excerpt] There will soon be security checkpoints created in eight areas of Tehran. There are also plans to create similar checkpoints in other provincial towns as a major step to ensure security.

This was announced by the commander of the Islamic Revolution Committees, who arrived in Rasht in Gilan Province to review the province's issues, the problems of the area's Revolution Committees and to hold talks with the province officials. These talks will center around proper measures to combat immorality. During a press, radio and television interview, he outlined the duties of the Revolution Committees and the steps already taken. Hojjat ol-Eslam Seyyed Serajeddin Musavi, commander of the Islamic Revolution Committees, first talked about the four major duties given to the committees by the Majlis concerning the security of the country and the plans recently implemented. He said: The committees believe that before we can combat the small groups [urban guerrilla groups] inside the cities, we have to close the checkpoints outside the cities. In this regard during the current year [which started 21 March 1986] we have created 11 checkpoints in various provinces, especially in West Azarbayjan and Kordestan, as a result of which more than 295 persons have been arrested within the past month. Out of this group 82 were hypocrites [Mojahedin-e Khalq urban guerrillas], 65 were Iraqi spies as well as members of the Democrats [Kurdish Democratic Party] and Kumeleh members [ultra left-wing Kurdish guerrillas].

He added: To ensure security there will soon be checkpoints in eight areas of Tehran and there are plans to create similar security checkpoints in other provinces in connection with the security of the country. [passage omitted]

Hashemi-Rafsanjani Reviews Victories in Friday Prayers
LD051254 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
1030 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] On the eve of the month of Moharram [6 September - 5 October, Muslim compatriots today all over the country performed the politicoideological ceremonies of the Friday prayers. The inhabitants of Tehran, too, came in large numbers to Tehran University and its surrounding thoroughfares to perform the Friday prayers, led by Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Hashemi-Rafsanjani.

The imam's representative to the Supreme Defense Council, referred in the Friday prayer sermons to the latest victories of the Islamic combatants in the successful operations of "Karbala'-1" and "Karbala'-2", and praising the combatants of the Al-Quds Division of Gilan and the brigade of Iraqi brothers residing in Iran, as well as the seflessnes and sacrifices of the fighters of the 14th Imam Hoseyn Division of Esfahan, stated: In this great battle, our Iraqi brothers achieved great wonders, which surprised the commanders of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran. When they are on the Iraqi regime's battlefronts, Iraqi troops act in a cowardly manner, but when they stand within the ranks of the troops of Islam, these same soldiers surprise us with the courage that they display. This demonstrates that the Iraqi troops do not have any confidence in fighting the forces of Islam nor any desire to do so. Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Hashemi-Rafsanjani added: By henceforth strengthening these Iraqi units we intend to have the Iraqis themselves participate in liberating sensitive centers in Iraq and to allow them to take control of the Iraqi Army and of Iraq's future defense.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani then described the "Karbala'-3" operations which resulted in the seizure of Iraq's important and strategic Al-'Ummmayah jetty, saying: Since the time when our forces captured Al-Faw, Iraqi land links with this jetty and with the Al-Bakr platform have been cut off. The Iraqi regime had not been able to make much use of them. However, it had stationed intelligence equipment there which was monitoring all air traffic and ship movements in the Persian Gulf. We had to eliminate the problems which Iraq was causing us in this area and it was for this reason that our combatants, displaying unique selflessness and courage, amazed military experts around the world by capturing this huge jetty with very simple means that they had specially devised. They seized the Al-'Ummayah jetty, which is more than 10 meters above sea level. They killed members of a group of Iraqi mercenaries there and also captured a number of them. Our combatants seized a large number of weapons and set the place on fire. In this way an obstacle which had stood in the way of the future movement of our combatants was eliminated.

Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi-Rafsanjani also stressed: World conditionsare getting better: we observe that the climate of the eighth conference of the leaders of the Nonaligned Movement in Harare, which our president is attending, has turned into a revolutionary and dynamic meeting and progressive leaders of anti-imperialist countries are also displaying some acceptable and good responses at this conference.

Discussing the situation of the aggressor enemy, the low morale of the Iraqi military personnel, and the role of Moharram in the struggle against blasphemy, Hashemi-Rafsanjani stressed: This year's 'Ashura [anniversary of the 10th day of the martyrdom of Imam Hoseyn at Karbala', 15 Sep] must be different from the 'ashuras of past years. Although we had that great march in 1357 [1978], we now want to see many convoys rolling at the highest level of perfection [to the fronts]. While, people marched toward the big squares in the city in 1357, this year our armed, trained youth must head for the battlefronts in Moharram and Karbala' convoys. God willing, on 'Ashura we will see the largest number of volunteer forces heading for the fronts.

Further Reports on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Kurds Seize Iraqi District 3 Sep
LD040645 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
2030 GMT 3 Sep 86

[Text] On Wednesday night, in the course of a successful operation, the Karizah District of Iraq was seized by the Muslim revolutionary Kurds. According to a report received, the district governor and a large group of the forces of the Zionist enemy were captured by the forces of the Muslim Kurds in this operation. In addition, a great deal of booty fell into the hands of the Kurdish combatants. the details of this operation will be brought to the attention of our listeners later.

Iraqi 'Revolutionaries' Attack
LD041429 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
2030 GMT 3 Sep 86

[Text] In the course of an armed operation by Muslim Iraqi revolutionaries, tens of Ba'thist mercenaries, as well as the commander of the People's Army of Hillah Province, were killed and wounded. In an interview today with IRNA, Ahvaz Center, the Al-Islami organization spokesman described the details of this armed operation. According to him, in the course of a guerrilla operation on 24 August, Iraqi Muslim revolutionaries set up an ambush along the route of some troops of the People's Army of (Mahabil) township, in Hillah Province, launched an attack, and succeeded in killing First Lieutenant 'Ali Savadi 'Abbas, the commander of Hillah Province's People's Army, along with tens of troops under his command.

Following this attack, the Iraqi revolutionary Muslims embarked on an armed clash with another group of the Baghdad regime's security forces who were seeking to assist the People's Army's troops, and managed to kill a number of security personnel. The spokesman added: On 28 August, a group of Iraqi mujahidin attacked the residential quarters of Rahim Shamah, the branch secretary of the Ba'th Party in Al-'Amarah Province, considered to be one of the most trusted and committed members of the Ba'thist regime of Iraq, and killed him.

Iraqi CW Use Reported

LD041904 Tehran IRN in English
1840 GMT 4 Sep 86

[Text] Hajj 'Umran, Sept. 4 IRNA — Iraqi troops Thursday afternoon fired two chemical shells on Iranian positions in Hajj 'Umran region, the site of Iran's victorious "Karbala'-2" offensive, martyring one and injuring seven others. The wounded combatants have reportedly been moved to hospitals in Orumiyeh, W. Azarbayjan province for medical care. [passage omitted]

This blatant violation of international conventions also coincides with the eighth summit meet of the Non-Aligned Movement in Harare, Zimbabwe, where Iran has officially asked for the expulsion of the Baghdad regime from the movement and its punishment for violating international laws and regulations.

Communique No 2584

LD041650 Tehran IRNA in English
1630 GMT 4 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 4, IRNA — Two more Iraqi warplanes were shot down by Iranian anti-aircraft fire in Hajj 'Umran operational region the first at dawn and the second at 1725 hours local time (1355 GMT), bringing the number of downed Iraqi planes to five on Wednesday.

According to the Communique Number 2584 of the Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces, Iranian Muslim combatants destroyed over 20 Iraqi gun emplacements and observation posts as well as several munitions dumps in Bakhtaran and Ilam fronts, killing or wounding a number of enemy soldiers.

Iraqi helicopter flights were checked and their air violations repelled in Hajj 'Umran fronts where Iranian troops also destroyed vast parts of Iraqi positions and fortifications and inflicted heavy casualties on them, the communique said.

The Iranian Navy, the communique said, halted Iraqi Naval activities in Khawr-'Abdallah region on Wednesday and Thursday. Exchange of artillery fire continued in western and southern fronts during which Iranian combatants destroyed at least five light and heavy vehicles and several mortar launchers of the enemy and killed or wounded 20 soldiers, said the communique. Several Iraqi patrol boats attempted to infiltrate the Iranian positions in western Jofeyr region at night but were forced to flee under Iranian accurate fire. The Muslim forces also checked Iraqi engineering and motorized activities in Chazzabeh and Jofeyr, the communique concluded.

Troops Depart Hormozgan

LD040638 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
2030 GMT 3 Sep 86

[Excerpt] According to the report of the Central News Unit, the sixth Karbala' marchers' convoy from the province of Hormozgan consisting of four battalions of combat-specialized forces from the island and seaports of this region, on Tuesday, after a march through the streets of Bandar-e 'Abbas and amid a warm send-off, departed for the battlefronts. [passage omitted]

Troops Depart Ilam

LD040640 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
2030 GMT 3 Sep 86

[Text] Following the victory of the combatants of Islam in the "Karbala'-1" and "Karbala'-2" operations, three battalions of combat-specialized, trained and red-dispatched forces from the Basij unit of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps departed from various cities and districts of Ilam Province to link up with other forces of Islam.

Forces Continue Departures

NC040842 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
0430 GMT 4 Sep 86

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that yesterday afternoon a battalion of volunteer revolution guards from Lorestan Province left for the fronts of the war of justice against injustice from the Imam Husayn Garrison in Khorramabad. As they left, they chanted slogans of "War, war until victory", "Death to America" and "Death to Saddam."

Also, the eighth Karbala caravan from Kazerun, consisting of specialized, trained, and reserve forces, left for the fronts yesterday. To strengthen the mechanized-combat units at the fronts, a company of specialized-combat forces of the Qom reconstruction jihad, consisting of 1st and 2d class heavy and light equipment mechanics, battery repairmen, vehicle body repairmen, welders and loader and bulldozer drivers, were warmly seen off by citizens of Qom and family members and departed for the fronts.

Yesterday, the Moharram company of the Vali-e 'Asr battalion of the (Ansar) [words indistinct] left for the fronts from the Semnan reconstruction jihad. During the past 2 days a large group of specialized-combat forces from the Kokhiluyeh and Bovir Ahmad provinces as well as from Mazandaran, and from Esfahan, Kashan, Karaj, Jahrom, Shirvan and Genaveh left for the battle fields.